

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26 is amended as follows:**

FIG[[.]]S. 1A and 1B [[is]] are [[a]] flowcharts illustrating a two-loop quantization technique.

**The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27 is amended as follows:**

FIG[[.]]S. 2A and 2B [[is]] are [[a]] flowcharts illustrating a two-loop quantization technique using a psychoacoustic model.

**The paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 is amended as follows:**

FIG[[.]]S. 1A and 1B [[is]] are [[a]] flowcharts illustrating an example embodiment of a method 100 of a modified two-loop quantization technique according to the present subject matter. At 110, the method 100 in this example embodiment forms critical bands by grouping spectral lines in a received current frame. In some embodiments, an audio signal is partitioned into successive frames. Sets of neighboring spectral lines in each frame are then grouped to form critical bands.

**The paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25 is amended as follows:**

FIG[[.]]S. 2A and 2B [[is]] are [[a]] flowcharts illustrating an example embodiment of a method 200 of a modified two-loop quantization technique using a psychoacoustic model according to the present subject matter. The method 200 is similar to method 100 except that the method 200 includes modified acts 215, 235, 245, 265, and 275 based on the use of the psychoacoustic model.

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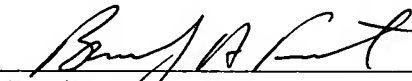
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